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New Year's Message from the Commodore

January 3, 2011 8:40 pm

Ahoy,

Here we are on the eve of a new year and my wish for you in the coming year is summed up in a toast below.

We raise a toast to the good water, where boats abound never aground and has brought us these drinks, and the friendship that has brought us together to enjoy them. We raise a toast to the people that have gone on to better world, and the ones that have gone on to other lands. Though they are not with us in body, we raise this toast to their spirit, their memory, and the memories that we have created with them.

Happy New Years and I hope that the coming year is better than the last as the promise of a new day inspires us to make it better in everyway.

Joe Motil



Buccaneer Gift Exchange - December Meeting

January 3, 2011 8:27 pm

The proceedings of the AYC Annual Christmas Party - A.K.A. Buccaneer Gift Exchange (no relation to the fleet, although...) were full of cheer and merriment. Here is a little bit of what went on...



The Overall Winner of the Governor's Cup for 2010 was awarded to Gene Muller for best overall corrected time. Norm Anderson (PHRF Spin) and Trey Harlow (Portsmouth) were on hand to collect their individual fleet trophies.



Mike and Jo Grijalva were on hand to deliver a Burgee from ????. Mike was also the winner (AGAIN) of the Newport to Ensenada race.



The Blunder Bucket was (finally) awarded to Emory Heisler for getting his back window taken out by the mast of his Bucc, Erin Morgan, when his trailer popped off the hitch (because hd didn't close the latch!) on his way to the fiberglass repair shop (which is an entirely different Blunder Bucket nomination). And while there were may other nominations, including Bob Worrall for his "gift" at the exchange, Emory's tale of gross bafoonary was by far the favorite of the group.

As always, the Buccaneer Gift Exchange was great fun for all! Lots of Bootie - some great, some, well...not so great (Trailer tire? Really Bob?)



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Spring ASF Classes now Open for Registration!

January 3, 2011 4:19 am



A Start Sailing Right class gathers at the dock to talk over drills.

The Arizona Sailing Foundation is excited to offer their signature learning to sail class, "Start Sailing Right" and their continuing education class, Sailing Skills Development, beginning in February!

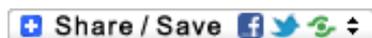
Start Sailing Right is designed for teens and adults, is for anyone looking to learn how to safely operate a sailboat. Whether you have some experience or don't even know the bow from the stern, you'll leave with basic skills like Rigging, Tacking, Jibing, Leaving and Returning from the Dock, Man Overboard Recovery and Capsize Recovery. Each class starts at 9:00 in the classroom with a break for lunch before going to Tempe Town Lake and launching our class boats, the Capri 14.2. Class ends at 5:00pm. The cost of the class is \$350. Your book is included in the price, but you must bring your own PFD (Life Jacket) to participate.

Sailing Skills development is taught in any of three club boats - Lasers, Sunfish or Capri 14.2 (if you have a partner already) and is designed to get you the best sailing education there is - more time on the water! Each class is a short "chalk talk" by an instructor and then you spend the rest of the time sailing, getting coached by an instructor. Class starts at 1:00pm at Tempe Town Lake. The cost is \$195 and please bring your own PFD.

All classes are taught by US Sailing Certified Small Boat instructors and you will have the opportunity to earn your Small Boat Sailing certification. The class dates for both classes are:

Feb 25 (Swim Test)
Feb 26
Mar 12
Apr 2
Apr 9
Apr 16 (Wx Make Up)

Space is limited, so sign up today!



Registration for AYC Birthday Regatta Still Open!

January 2, 2011 3:26 pm



Hey Sailors,

There is still time to sign up for the Birthday Regatta /Leukemia Cup! REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN and will remain open until 9:30 am on Saturday the 15th (that's the Skipper's Meeting!)

You can't pre-order shirts anymore but we will have a VERY LIMITED quantity available on site. Get there early as I'm sure the stock will go quickly - first come first served!

Also, if you just need to order dinner or breakfast, you can still do so. Just go to the REGISTRATION PAGE and un-check the race entry and select only what you need.

Also, just because your fleet isn't "Officially" racing on Friday, don't let that stop you from coming out and getting some practice in! We'll be making fleets that morning and we'll post the finishes so come out, have some fun and GO RACE!



Fall Race Series Winners

December 28, 2010 10:57 am

Congratulations to all Fall Race Series Fleet Champions:

Lake Pleasant

- Catalina 22 - None Yet - Martin Lorch
- Merit 25 - Blue Streak - Norman Anderson
- PHRF Non-Spin - Melissa Kay - Mike Ferring
- PHRF Spin - Bad Idea - Dave Christensen
- Thistle - [No Name] - Trey Harlow
- Viper 640 - NAGA - Charles Kaye

Tempe Town Lake

- Buccaneer 18- Slur - Matt Davis
- Capri 14.2 - Sea Ya' - Mike Ferring
- Laser - [No Name] - Mike Bernard
- Portsmouth - Waterdog - Joe Motil

AYC-ers Sail with Jobson for Leukemia Fund Raising

December 12, 2010 10:37 pm



Gary Jobson and the Carolina Yacht Club hosted 80 sailors and their guests - including two AYC Buccaneer sailors (Chris Robertson and Emory Heisler) for the "Sail with Jobson - Fantasy Sail Weekend" December 3-5, 2010.

Not to miss an opportunity to sail, Emory showed up a day early to sail with his Buccaneer skipper from 2010 Buccaneer North American Championships (BNAC) Captain Ray Dunn who also just happens to live in the Charleston area - proof once again that if you know a Buccaneer, you probably know someone in just about any port in the country! Arrrrrr!

Along with an afternoon of sailing with Gary Jobson hopping from boat to boat, the weekend included many reminders about the Leukemia Cup Regattas, the Leukemia Lymphoma Society, and their shared **mission to cure blood cancers**. Attendees included at least half-a-dozen blood cancer **survivors**, but also was missing several participants from previous years that were not so fortunate to have the cure they needed for their version of the disease.

Get your fund raising "hat" on for the AZ Leukemia Cup Regatta and next year you might be sailing with Gary Jobson in NEW YORK CITY!